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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 995

Introduced by Assembly Member Block

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 1639.01 of, and to add Section 1643.3 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to tissue banks.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 995, as amended, Block. Tissue bank licensing.

Existing law requires the State Department of Public Health to establish regulations, as specified, governing the operation and maintenance of tissue banks licensed in California. Existing law allows for the revocation or suspension of a tissue bank's license for specified reasons. Violation of these provisions is a misdemeanor.

This bill would require the collection, processing, storage, or distribution of human tissue by licensed tissue banks and tissue for use in California to comply with the 12th edition of Standards for Tissue Banking as published by the American Association of Tissue Banks, and would require future amendments of these standards to be evaluated and considered for adoption by the department pursuant to a specified process. This bill would also allow the department to impose on licensed tissue banks, as an alternative to suspension or revocation of a tissue bank's license, a civil administrative penalty of \$100 per day of noncompliance per violation not to exceed an aggregate of \$3,000 per day.

Because the bill would make changes to the definition of a crime, it constitutes a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1639.01 of the Health and Safety Code
2 is amended to read:

3 1639.01. (a) Notwithstanding Section 1639, no person shall
4 engage in the collection, processing, storage, or distribution of
5 human tissue unless the tissue is collected, prepared, labeled,
6 stored, and distributed in accordance with the standards set forth
7 in the 12th edition of Standards for Tissue Banking as published
8 by the American Association of Tissue Banks and in effect on May
9 1, 2008. These shall be the standards for all licensed tissue banks
10 operating in California or providing tissue to be used in California.

11 (b) Consistent with the purposes of this chapter, the department
12 shall evaluate updates to the standards made by the American
13 Association of Tissue Banks, including later editions, ~~to determine~~
14 ~~which changes to incorporate into the regulations.~~ Proposed
15 changes to the standards shall be posted on the department's
16 Internet Web site at least 45 days prior to their adoption. Public
17 comment shall be accepted by the department for at least 30 days
18 after posting. If a member of the public requests a public hearing
19 during the 30-day posting period, the hearing shall be held prior
20 to the adoption of the proposed changes. Comments received shall
21 be considered prior to the posting of final changes. Adoption of
22 changes by the department pursuant to this subdivision shall not
23 be subject to the rulemaking requirements of Chapter 3.5
24 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title
25 2 of the Government Code and written responses to public
26 comments shall not be required.

27 SEC. 2. Section 1643.3 is added to the Health and Safety Code,
28 to read:

1 1643.3. As an alternative to revocation or suspension of a
2 license issued under this chapter, the department may impose an
3 alternative civil administrative penalty of one hundred dollars
4 (\$100) per day of noncompliance per violation, including an
5 immediate jeopardy, violation except that the aggregate penalty
6 per day shall not exceed three thousand dollars (\$3,000). This
7 penalty may be imposed only after notice and an opportunity to
8 respond in accordance with Section 100171.

9 SEC. 3. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
10 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
11 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
12 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
13 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
14 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
15 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
16 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
17 Constitution.